

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 1312 ha. of forest area in for renewal of Manuguru Mining Lease in Khammam District in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited - Permission accorded- Orders issued.

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ENVIRONMENT FOREST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.98

Dated:23-8-2008

Read the following:-

- 1.From Prl.CCF., Hyd. Lr.No. 40296/03/F1, Dated: 17-8-2005.
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No. 7601/For.I (1)/2005-1, dt. 18-10-2005.
- 3.From GOI,Mo.EF, New Delhi Lr.No.8-73/2005-FC,dated: 10- 7-2008.

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**ORDER:**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad in his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of Manuguru Mining Lease extending over 2,186 ha. involving 1312 ha. of forest area in Paloncha Division in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited and requested to send the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Section-2 of F (C ) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under Forest (C ) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. The Government of India in their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above have accorded their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of Manuguru Mining Lease extending over 2,186 ha. involving 1312 ha. of forest area for this project subject to certain conditions.

3. The Government after consideration of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for diversion of 1312 ha. of forest land in Paloncha Division renewal of Manuguru Mining Lease in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited in Khammam District subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land diverted shall remain unchanged.
2.
  - (i) Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
  - (ii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost.
  - (iii) Where ever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads outside the lease area diverted under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.
  - (iv) User Agency shall raise and maintain the enrichment plantation over surface area diverted as in in-principle approval.

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3. Following activities shall be undertaken by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
  - (i) Proper mitigation measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared.
  - (ii) Planting up of all vacant land and dumps with suitable species to arrest soil erosion and its protection.
  - (iii) Construction of a series of check dams and toe walls along the contour on the hill slopes to avoid rolling down of the excavated material.

It will be done 100 Mt. belt around the diverted forest land in addition to safety zone.

4. The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.
5.
  - (i) The User agency shall take up planting work on the static dumps during the advance mining operation.
  - (ii) All the dumps shall be fully reclaimed by afforestation immediately after closure of the mine in the shortest possible period under supervision of the State Forest Department..
6. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable, and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
7. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
8. Reclamation Plan shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department.
9. It shall be ensured that no labour-camps are set up inside the forest area.
10. The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC Pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
11. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
12. Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional office, Bangalore, may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area. Shall also be applicable.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
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